



April 9, 2024

Senator Nancy Skinner
California State Senate
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 950 (Skinner), Healthy Recovery and Reentry (SUPPORT)

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of All Home I am writing in support of Senate Bill (SB) 950 – Healthy Recovery and Reentry. SB 950 aims to reduce recidivism and drug addiction of individuals impacted by incarceration by ensuring that necessary healthcare, supportive systems, and substance use treatments are created prior to release.

All Home advances solutions to disrupt the cycles of poverty and homelessness and to create more housing security and economic mobility for Californians with the lowest incomes. A disproportionately high share of people experiencing homelessness in our state have recently exited an institutional setting like jails and prisons, largely because of the barriers that prevent them from securing stable housing, medical and behavioral health care, and other supports post-release.

The California Department of Rehabilitations (CDCR) launched Male Community Reentry Programs (MCRPs) and Community Correction Reentry Programs (CCRPs) in an effort to provide greater rehabilitation services for individuals in their last two years of custody. MCRPs and CCRPs have shown great strides in lowering recidivism compared to traditional prison by offering social, work, and education services as well as communal housing. Despite the efforts these programs have achieved, 60% of people in reentry are struggling with drug addiction and need additional health services.

SB 950 will help address drug addiction and further lower recidivism by helping incarcerated people pre-enroll into Medicaid/Medical, SSI, CalFresh, and other programs making them eligible to receive benefits upon release. This bill will also enroll MCRP and CCRP participants into food, healthcare, and other support systems based on eligibility. Finally, SB 950 will require the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and CDCR to work with experts to help secure housing for incarcerated individuals prior to

release. SB 950 creates a healthy pathway from release to reentry by providing necessary services to people impacted by the carceral system that they need and rightfully deserve.

It is for these reasons All Home] is pleased to SUPPORT SB 950 and thanks you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "A".

Brett Andrews
Interim Chief Executive
All Home